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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Los Angeles – Authorities Charge 515 People with Running Illegal Marijuana Businesses**

(U) Prosecutors in Los Angeles have charged 515 people for helping to run 105 illegal marijuana operations, the City Attorney's office said Friday. The sweep is part of an effort to level the financial playing field for licensed cannabis businesses, which have suffered by competing with black market operators who remain active despite new licensing requirements and regulations that began on 1 January. After months of only issuing warning notices, state officials announced in August that they were starting to pursue criminal charges against unlicensed cannabis retailers, distributors and growers.

SOURCE: 7 September 2018, [Los Angeles Daily News](#)

(U) Redwood City – Owners of Care Facilities Charged with Human Trafficking

(U) A family running several senior and child care centers in San Mateo County has been charged with human trafficking and other labor-related charges, Attorney General Xavier Becerra said Friday. The defendants are accused of holding employees of the Rainbow Bright day-care centers against their will, failing to pay them minimum wage and overtime pay, and abusing them verbally, physically and psychologically. The alleged abuse took place between 2008 and 2017, according to the complaint. The charges are the result of a yearlong investigation by the attorney general's office's Tax Recovery and Criminal Enforcement Task Force, which involved the collaboration of multiple agencies including the US Department of Labor and law enforcement departments in Daly City, South San Francisco and Pacifica.

SOURCE: 7 September 2018, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) New York – Georgia Extradites Russian Data Theft Suspect**

(U) Manhattan – A 35-year-old Russian was extradited to the United States from Georgia on Friday to answer criminal charges over the massive theft of customer data from JPMorgan Chase and Dow Jones, officials announced. Andrei Tyurin is accused of orchestrating major hacking crimes against US financial institutions, brokerage firms and financial news publishers, including the largest theft of customer data from a US financial institution. US prosecutors say the schemes from 2012 to mid-2015 included the theft of personal information of over 100 million customers of the victim companies.

SOURCE: 7 September 2018, [Associated Foreign Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Afghanistan – 29 Killed in Insurgent Attacks**

(U) Kabul – Insurgents killed at least 29 Afghan security forces in separate attacks as many marked the 17th anniversary of the killing of a prominent anti-Taliban leader, officials said yesterday. Hakmat Durani, spokesman for the police chief of Maidan Wardak province, said the Taliban attacked a district headquarters west of Kabul late Saturday, killing 10 police officers, including a district chief. In a separate attack late Saturday, militants targeted a checkpoint in the western Herat province, killing nine

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security forces and wounding six others, said Gelani Farhad, the provincial governor's spokesman. He blamed the attack on the Taliban, saying around 10 insurgents were killed and five wounded.

SOURCE: 9 September 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) France – Seven Wounded in Knife Attack

(U) Paris – Seven people were injured by a knife-wielding assailant in Paris yesterday, including two British tourists, French news reports said. The attacker was arrested by the police, and the assault was not initially being treated as terrorism. His motives and identity were not immediately known. The assailant, armed with a knife and a metal bar, attacked three people near a cinema on the Quai de la Loire, shortly before 11 pm.

SOURCE: 9 September 2018, [The New York Times](#)

(U) Turkey – Turkey Seeks to Detain over 100 over Suspected Links to Cleric

(U) Ankara – Turkey's state-run news agency says authorities have issued detention warrants for 102 people, including military officers, over their suspected links to a US-based Muslim cleric who is blamed by Ankara for a failed coup attempt in 2016. Anadolu Agency said the Ankara prosecutor's office issued warrants to detain 13 army majors while prosecutors in Istanbul were seeking to detain 71 military personnel as well as 18 people suspected of being secret operatives of cleric Fethullah Gulen's network.

SOURCE: 10 September 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Yemen – Four Al-Qa'ida Members Killed in Airstrike

(U) Sana'a – Yemeni tribal leaders say a suspected US drone strike has killed four alleged al-Qa'ida militants including a field leader in the country's south. The tribal leaders said that the operatives were killed when an unmanned aircraft targeted a group of al-Qa'ida militants in the district of Ahwar, one of al-Qa'ida's strongholds in the southern Abyan province. Al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula, as the Yemeni affiliate is known, has long been considered the global network's most dangerous branch and has attempted to carry out attacks inside the US.

SOURCE: 9 September 2018, [Associated Press](#)

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